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# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON JANUARY 6, 2011

Commission Chairman Orjiakor N. Isiogu called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Executive Secretary Mary Jo Kunkle called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

## **PRESENT**

Commission: Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman

Monica Martinez, Commissioner Greg R. White, Commissioner

Staff: Blair Renfro

Judy Palnau Mary Jo Kunkle Nick Revere Nyrhe Royal Catherine Bowers

Public: Tom Connelly, SEMCO

Suzy Denison, MEGA

Kwafo Adarkwa, ITC Holdings Corp. Beverly Roberts, Consumers Energy

**I.** Commissioner Martinez moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White

Nays - None

The agenda was approved.

**II.** Commissioner Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of December 21, 2010, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White

Nays - None

The minutes were approved.

#### III. ORDERS

### A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-13328 AT&T MICHIGAN AND US SIGNAL COMPANY, L.L.C., d/b/a RVP FIBER COMPANY

(interconnection amendment)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which requests Commission approval of an interconnection amendment. The order before you approves the request, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

### B. ELECTRIC

1. U-15663-R NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY ('09 PSCR reconciliation)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves the application of Northern States Power Company for approval of its power supply cost recovery reconciliation for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2009. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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2. U-16312 NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY ('09 REP reconciliation)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves the application of Northern States Power Company – Wisconsin for authority to reconcile renewable energy surcharge revenues and expenses

associated with the plan approved in Case No. U-15809 for the period ended December 31, 2009. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

# 3. U-16344 ALPENA POWER COMPANY ('09 REP reconciliation)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves an application filed by Alpena Power Company for approval of its renewable energy cost reconciliation for the 12-month period ended December 31, 2009. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

# 4. U-16426 MIDWEST ENERGY COOPERATIVE ('11 PSCR plan)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves an application filed by Midwest Energy Cooperative for authority to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2011. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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# 5. U-16427 ONTONAGON COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ASSOCIATION ('11 PSCR plan)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves an application filed by Ontonagon County Rural Electrification Association for authority to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2011. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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# 6. U-16428 THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ('11 PSCR plan)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves an application filed by Thumb Electric Cooperative for authority to implement a power supply cost recovery plan for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2011. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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### C. GAS

# 1. U-16125 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY (capacity improvement surcharge)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves an application by SEMCO Energy Gas Company for approval of a charge related to capacity improvements made at the Northern Natural Gas Houghton

Gate Station and Houghton Branch Line. The order before you approves a charge of \$0.2020 per dekatherm, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

# 2. U-16169 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY (rate case)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which is a general natural gas rate case proceeding filed by SEMCO Energy Gas Company on June 29, 2010. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

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# 3. U-16522 SEMCO ENERGY GAS COMPANY (special contract)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves an application by SEMCO Energy Gas Company for *ex parte* approval of a special contract with Michigan Technological University. The order before you approves the contract, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

### D. MOTOR CARRIER

1. T-1861 MICHIGAN MOVERS ASSOCIATION (application withdrawal)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated January 6, 2011 which involves a request by Michigan Movers Association to withdraw its application seeking Commission approval of a proposed rate increase. The order before you grants the request, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The order was adopted.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Chairman Isiogu announced that the 2011 Regular Commission Meeting schedule has been approved and is available on the Commission's website.

Chairman Isiogu announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on January 20, 2011.

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Mary Jo Kunkle Executive Secretary